

week, and by earnest work with Christian sociability, we think we can again have an interesting Sabbath-school by the opening of another spring.

By all this, we feel much encouraged, and rejoice over the great work that has been done, in uniting us in one bundle of love, and we will give God the glory. We believe the angels in heaven have rejoiced with us. We pray and ask the prayers of all God's people that we may continue as one unit in working for the Master's cause.

Sincerely yours,  
H. R. DOOLY.

#### TROY, OHIO.

During elder Simon Mikesell's absence from the Troy Church the appointments have been filled by Brother Eckert and the writer alternately. Sabbath morning, Dec. 6, brother J. M. Bowman of Glenford, the general agent in Ohio for the Brethren Publishing Board, accompanied the writer from Dayton to Troy and preached the "Unsearchable riches of Christ" to an appreciative audience in the morning, also in the evening. The brethren in Troy would be very much delighted to have Brother Bowman conduct a series of meetings for them of three or four weeks' duration. The Lord bless the dear brother in his noble, self-sacrificing work.

Fraternally, S. KIEHL.

#### NORTH LIBERTY, OHIO.

Nine months of our pastoral year at this place and at Ankenytown has just expired. During this time we have had many meetings together, some from which were turned to our home revived while others were not so enjoyably spent. But on the whole these nine months have been the happiest part of our life, even when we were at home around father's and mother's fireside, which has been broken eight years ago. True during these nine months there have been days of gloom and sadness, we have had "fightings without and fears within," but the promise "Lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world," has been a comfort in such trials. We feel our work has not all been in vain, have had a few accessions, and at present have two awaiting baptism which came out at one of our recent services, a mother and daughter. Paul planteth, Appolos watereth, but God only can give the increase. Not that we are an Appolos, or any ways near so, but we have tried in our weakness to present the truth in a clear tangible way. I am one that believes it to be a great thing to be able to receive accessions, but a greater thing to be able to hold and to keep in union those already received, and to this end I have labored and shall continue to labor. It is a nice

thing to be able to report large ingatherings but much nicer to say with Jesus, "Of them which thou gavest me I have lost none." John 18:9. Not that they can always be kept but I believe if people are thoroughly indoctrinated, thoroughly converted, there would not be the falling away in any church as much as there is. I love to hold up Paul along this line.

I believe that there is a great door open for the Brethren Church, but in our zeal there is also danger. I believe in progression, but with progress comes responsibility. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." So each day with its blessings brings also its responsibilities. Let us be able to meet them. There is a way and one only, God's Word. I always feel safe when I closely follow it. It is now 10 P. M. and the later it is getting the more I feel like talking. "Ye are the Light of the world," the illuminating power, which reflects the true light into every heart. The Brethren Church is "one" if not the "one" in the hands of Almighty God, "United we stand, divided we fall." If we lose our illuminating power where shall or how shall the sinner be enlightened. "If the salt has lost its saltiness (or preserving qualities) wherewith shall it (the world) be preserved." But I must quit here. Conscience, though not a safe guide, tells me I come too short in this to say much.

I have preached more on a missionary line since Conference than I ever thought of before Conference. I read with interest and sadness a missionary letter from a missionary lady from India, in a region where a famine has been raging for four years. Mothers deliberately walking off and leaving their children because they cannot support them, others carrying their weak children in baskets to the missionaries. Children with the bones protruding through the skin, came to the missionaries' home. I fear this as well as similar demands will sooner or later bring our beloved nation into judgment if not into famine. I mean by this that it is a duty demanded of us as a nation to aid in such cases. How quickly aid was sent to St. Louis. They were citizens of America, but a soul in India is of as much value as one here, and has just as much feeling. I admire the missionary spirit, but I do not at the present time favor a foreign missionary, but as a church should begin to lay plans and work up to them so when the time comes we are ready. As long as we cannot pay our college, or pay our publishers, or supply more of our weaker churches with preachers we are not ready for a foreign missionary society. And now Brother Gnagey I will, by your indulgence, close in a few moments, but de-

sire to thank you and the Board for the reduction of our worthy paper. I shall try to secure a number of new subscribers for 1897.

And now I must publicly thank our brethren and sisters of this place, also those of our churches and those who are not members of any church which joined in the very pleasant and effectual surprise on last Thanksgiving eve. Our love for you has been one of increasing flow, and may the bountiful giver of all good and perfect gifts doubly reward you for the same, if not in this world, in the world to come.

S. B. GRISSO.

#### LATHROP, CALIF.

The revival meetings which we had arranged to be held at East Union Church and at Lathrop were conducted by brother Martin Shively. Commencing at East Union, Nov. 1. Brother Shively preached twelve sermons from important scriptural texts, and from subjects both doctrinal and practical. The congregations were not as large as we had hoped, but what was lacking in numbers was made up in the manifest interest of those who attended. As an immediate result three made the good confession, but have not yet been baptized. We confidently expect others to come soon.

On Nov. 14, Brother Shively was called to attend the funeral of our beloved Brother and Sister Gibson's little son, at Dos Palos. It could scarcely be realized that little Tommy so bright and strong, should be the first but one to be called away, after being so active and playful at our late camp. Thus the aged, and the little one join each other on the other shore. Brother and Sister Gibson have our sincere sympathy in their great bereavement.

On the evening of the 16, Brother Shively commenced the work at Lathrop. The meetings the first week were well attended for this place, and the interest good, and we had encouragement that much good would be done. But a rain storm coming on, the attendance became irregular and after two weeks of faithful effort the meetings closed. No additions. Brother Shively did his part of the work well, and when that is done we can rest assured that God will, in his own good time and way give the blessing and increase. So may it ever be.

Fraternally, J. P. WOLFE.

#### CONEMAUGH, PA.

I again come and ask for a little space in your columns. Since this point was last heard from the Lord has given us a great revival blessing, for which we